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PROVO RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD JANUARY 15, 1999

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Pursuant to the notice from the office of the State Engineer, and to call by the chairman, the Board of Directors of the Provo River Distribution System convened at 10:00 a.m. on January 15, 1999 in Conference Room C of the CUP Completion-Administration Building, 355 West 1300 South, Orem, Utah.

Presiding: Lee Sim, Utah Division of Water Rights
Conducting: J. Edwin Ure, Chairman

Board Members Present:

J. Edwin Ure, Chairman
Sherman A. Giles
Harvey VanWagoner, Vice-Chairman
Bart Simons
Boyd Rollins
Jack Jones
Russell O. Brown
Reed Jensen, Sec./Treasurer
Farrell Knight
Daryl Devey

Representing:

Group 1 - Kamas Valley Canals
Group 2 - Upper Provo, East Heber Valley
Group 3 - Upper Provo, West Heber Valley
Group 4 - Provo City Canals
Group 5 - East Provo Canals
Group 6 - Provo Bench Canals
Group 7 - Provo Reservoir Water Users Assn.
Group 8 - Provo River Water Users Assn.
Group 9 - Upper Provo Individual Rights
Group 10 - Central Utah Water Conservancy Dist.

Others Present:

Fred Gummow
Keith Denos
Rich Tullis
Stan Roberts
Jonathan Jones
Jeff Bryant

Deputy Commissioner, Lower Provo
Provo River Water Users Association
Central Utah Water Conservancy District
Provo River Commissioner
U. S. Bureau of Reclamation
Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District

Present from State Engineer's Office:

John Larsen
Lee Sim
Gertrudys Adkins
Ben Anderson
Jim Riley

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Adoption of Minutes of Annual Meeting held January 16, 1998.

No corrections to the minutes were noted. Director VanWagoner made the motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Director Giles and it carried unanimously.

1998 Financial Reports

Lee Sim reviewed the 1998 financial reports with the Board. He mentioned he had not transferred the \$2,200.00 from the new area fund to the Provo River Distribution System Fund (PRDS), but he would do it this year. He would also transfer an additional \$2,700.00 from the new fund to the PRDS Fund, which represents expenses incurred in 1998. The total transfer will be \$4,900.00 plus interest.

Director Knight moved to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Director VanWagoner and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner's & Deputy Commissioner's Report

Deputy Commissioner Giles' Report:

SUMMARY OF THE 1998 IRRIGATION SEASON FOR THE HEBER AND KAMAS VALLEYS

The winter of 1997-98 was fairly mild on the Provo River water shed. There were some good storms. Rain in the valleys and snow in the mountains during the Spring months kept the precipitation above normal for the water shed.

The runoff of snow melt was fairly normal for the months of April, May, and June. However, a snowstorm on the night of June 16th put a reported three feet of new snow at Trial Lake. We had some good rains every month of the irrigation season, which resulted in the natural flow of the river holding up throughout the entire season.

In the Heber and Kamas valleys, we had 100% of the first class water rights, and also some secondary water during the entire irrigation season. The Jordanelle Reservoir has been a big help in the distribution of water to the upper valleys.

The 1998 irrigation season was by far the best irrigation season in the 38 years I have worked on the Provo River. I have enjoyed the cooperation of all parties concerned with the waters of the Provo River during 1998.

Commissioner Roberts' report:

PROVO RIVER SUMMARY 1998

This water year on the Provo River proved to be challenging in different ways than past years. There was more water than required to meet the needs throughout the full season. However, other activities such as the Wasatch County Water Efficiency Project and the Provo River Restoration Project took considerable time.

The Efficiency Project will require new diversion dams and intake structures for the Timpanogos and Wasatch diversions. Design plans for the Wasatch diversion had to be modified and are not completed yet. Further study on them will be required.

This project will also require adaptation in the water accounting system to handle the water that will be delivered to Utah Valley in place of return flows that have historically come from Heber Valley. Considerable work has been done on this, but much more will be needed. Also, a plan remains to be made to address change applications made on some of the Heber canals under the Efficiency Project.

The Restoration Project is still in the design phase. It calls for major channel changes on the river through the Heber Valley and has some effect of the Efficiency Project.

Efforts have been made to improve measuring devices when such were found to be defective. As part of the Efficiency Project, new devices will be installed on the Timpanogos, Wasatch and North Fields Canals. In addition, I have been promised that the weir on the Midway River Ditch will be replaced with a ramp flume, hopefully this Spring. Several small measuring devices in the Lake Creek and Center Creek systems will need attention in the near future.

Steps have been taken to improve the way in which exchanges for wells are handled. The State Engineer's Office has agreed to supply additional information to help facilitate this. Well owners that do not keep their exchange active will have their well right terminated.

Change applications continue to increase in numbers. Most of these are from canals where farmland has been taken out of production. In reviewing these, it appears that some kind of annual review is in order with those canal companies where these changes occur. Note that change applications are now advertised in the newspaper for the area where the water is to be used. This may be a different paper from the one in the area where the water was formerly used.

The irrigation season in Utah Valley began on April 23rd, however, use of the Murdock Canal was delayed approximately one month. This delay was due to a slide in the Pleasant Grove area and required extensive repair work.

Extra allotment for users of Deer Creek water was available from May 30 until July 13, and secondary rights were filled throughout the season. This is the first time I have seen this happen. A new Deputy Commissioner, Fred, Gummow, was hired to help in the lower Provo area.

A motion to accept the Deputy Commissioner's and Commissioner's reports was made by Director Devey seconded by Director Rollins and it carried unanimously.

1999 Budget

Director Jensen presented the 1999 budget, as approved in the Provo River Distribution System meeting held January 12, 1999. The total budget for 1999 was set at \$118,000.00.

Director VanWagoner made the motion to adopt the budget. Director Devey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

1999 Assessment

The trust fund balance at December 31, 1998 was over \$50,000.00 with the transfer of \$4,900.00 plus interest from the new area fund. The State Engineer's office recommends the fund balance at year-end be around \$40,000.00. Because of the surplus, the Board decided at its 1/12/99 meeting to set the assessment at \$100,000.00.

Director Brown made the motion to set the 1999 assessment at \$100,000.00. Director Knight seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Recommendation of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner

Chairman Ure reported that at the 1/12/99 meeting Stanley H. Roberts, Jr. had been nominated as the Provo River Commissioner for 1999. Sherman A. Giles and J. Fred were also nominated to serve as Deputy Commissioners for 1999.

Director Jones made the motion to accept these nominations. Director VanWagoner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Other Business

Director Devey talked about well exchanges and his concern that Central Utah Water Conservancy District is the only one being charged for exchanges. Other canal companies who have made exchanges are not being charged. John Larsen will prepare a list of all exchanges for next year's meeting, so appropriate action can be taken.

Adjournment

At 11:30 a.m. Director Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director VanWagoner and it carried unanimously.